

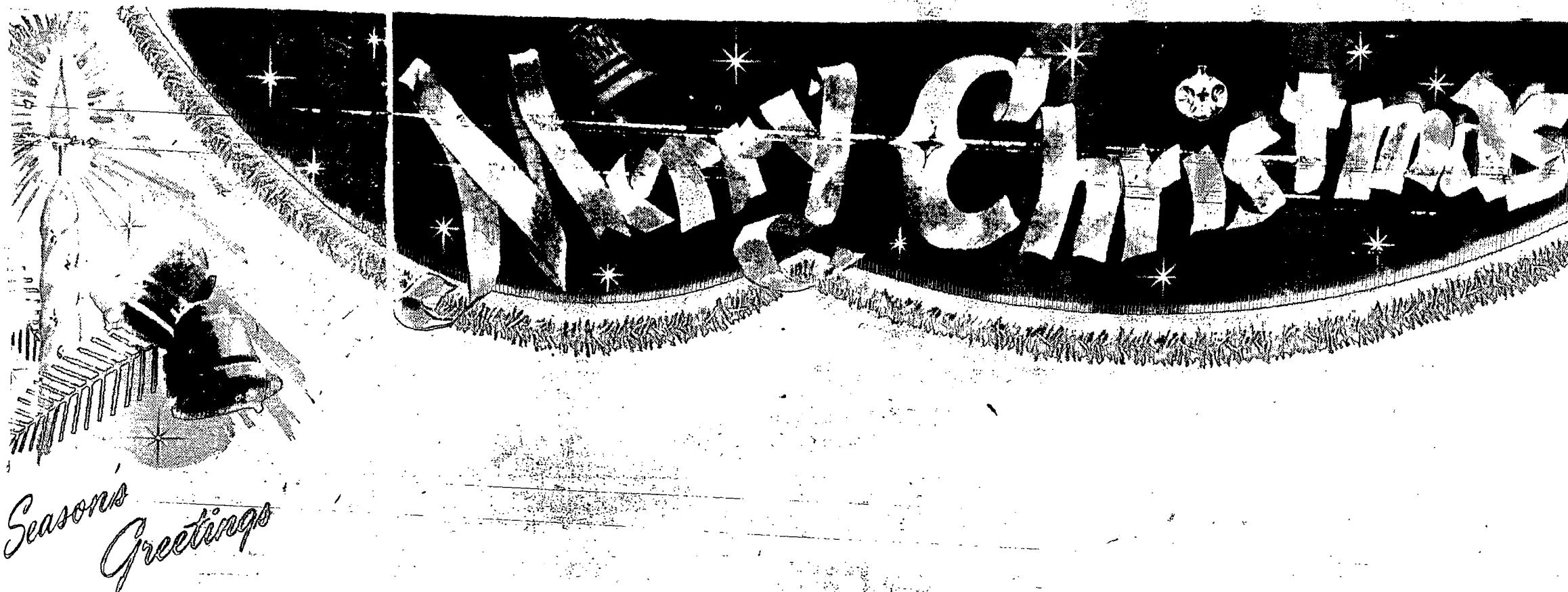
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Best
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To wish you
a Merry Christmas

NELSON OIL COMPANY
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Christmas Joy!

May your Christmas joy
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Season's Greetings
and Best Wishes
for the
Holidays

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Simple Christmas Best for Children

Crowds of faces glowing with the Christmas spirit, Santa with his laughing eyes and hearty chuckle, gifts you can use and some you can't—that's a grownup's-eye-view of the holidays.

A forest of legs, a frustrating heap of things to touch and see and, an endless journey of being pushed and pulled through a hot, noisy place—that's a child's-eye-view of the holidays.

If you give children a happier view of the holidays they'll give you a happier one too.

First of all, avoid crowds with your children. If they shop with you, it's best to take them immediately after a rest and not stay long.

Preschool children often don't understand Santa Claus. Take them to see him if they want to go.

Forcing them to sit on his lap often makes them cry and leaves unpleasant memories because they were frightened.

Children often receive so many gifts that they're confused and can't decide which one to play with first. After they open the gifts, put some away for a rainy day. See which they'd like to save for later.

The holiday season will be a pleasant time for your children if you keep it simple.

As you store holiday foods in your freezer, you'll save time if you put them in the pans in which you're going to heat them.

To decorate a fruit cake, dip one side of candied fruit in syrup and press it into the top of the fruit cake.



If you know what qualities to look for when you select your Christmas turkey, you'll be able to make a wiser choice.

The market class of turkeys is determined by ages, sex, and tenderness of meat. The youngest turkeys are fryers and roasters and they run from 4 to 8 pounds in weight. The next class consists of young hen and young tom turkeys under eight months of age. These vary in weight from 8 to 25 pounds. And finally there are the tom and hen turkeys, which include birds over eight months of age varying considerably in weight.

Most of the Christmas turkeys belong to the young hen or young tom classification. To be of top quality, a bird should have a well-developed moderately broad and long breast, well fleshed through its entire length, the flesh carrying well up to the highest part of the breastbone so that the bone is not prominent. Also, the legs should be well covered with flesh.

Fat covering is one of the most important points in determining quality from the standpoint of excellence of flavor and tenderness. The carcass should be well covered with fat over the breast, back hips and pin bones. In poultry the fat is deposited in the skin and immediately under the skin rather than dispersed throughout the lean flesh as it is in some meats.

Select a bird that is free from pin feathers. Ready to cook or oven-ready turkeys have no protruding pin feathers.

Christmas
best wishes

GRAYLING GULF SERVICE



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WISH
TO ALL
THE FOLKS

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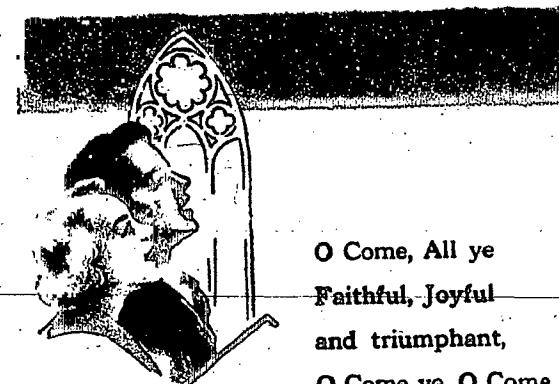
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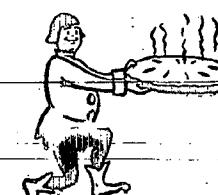
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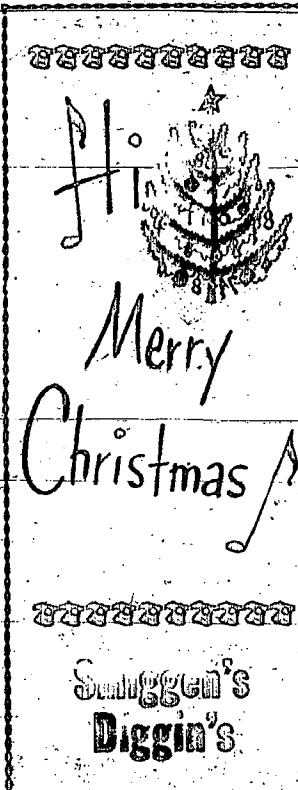
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MINCE PIES SO LONG A PART OF OUR CHRISTMAS TRADITION, ORIGINALLY HAD A DEEP, SYMBOLIC SIGNIFICANCE. THE FIRST

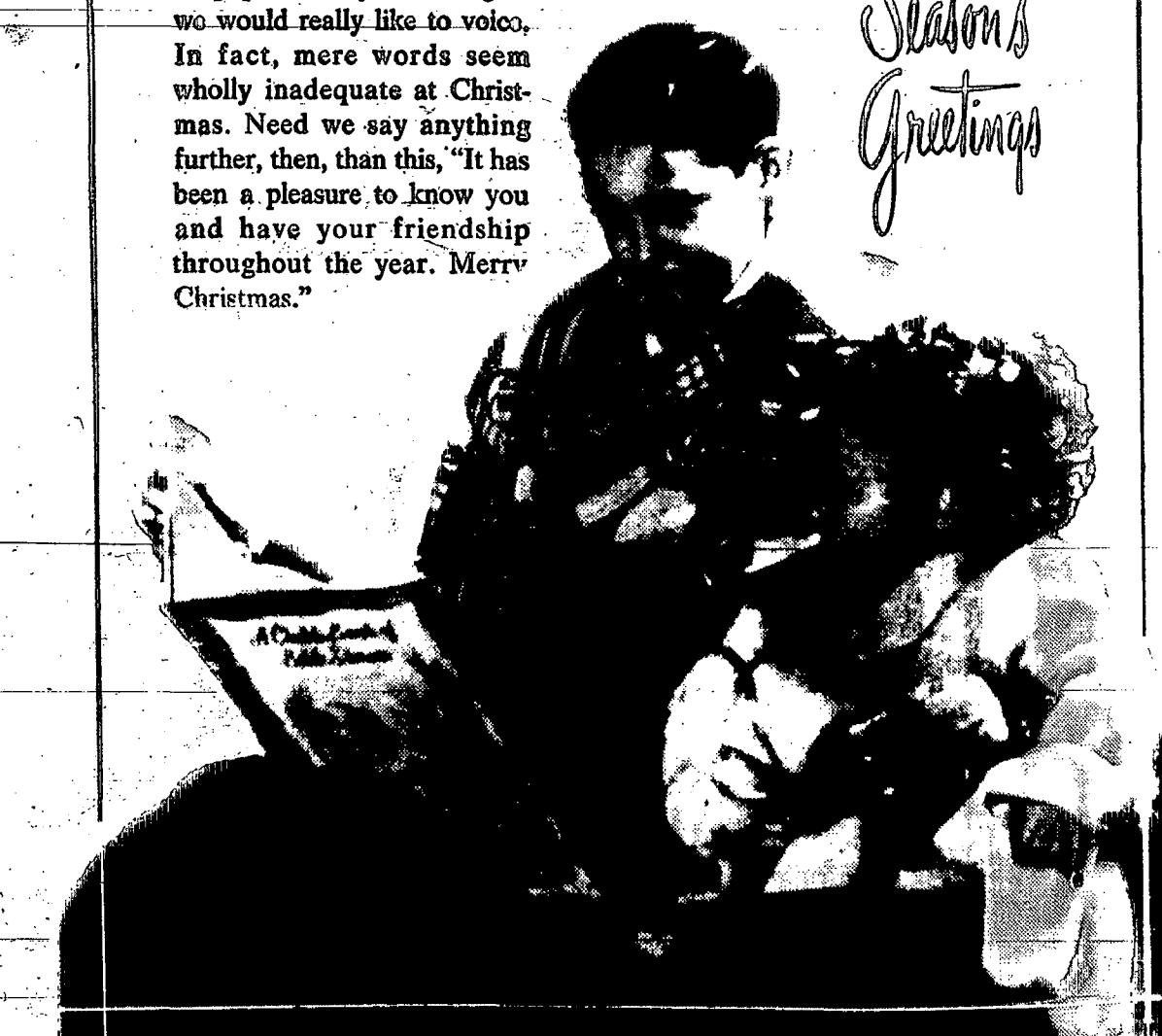


MINCE PIES WERE PATTERNED IN OBLONG SHAPE, AFTER THE MANGER IN WHICH CHRIST WAS BORN. THE CRUST REPRESENTED THE GOLD BROUGHT BY THE THREE WISE MEN, THE MANY SPICES, THE FRANKINCENSE AND MYRRH.

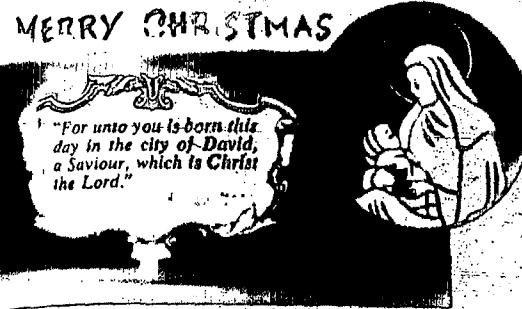
Hot Christmas muffins may be made by adding cranberries to any good plain whole wheat or bran muffin recipe that you have. Use the raw berries, either ground or whole. Add about one cup of berries to two cups of flour.



It's never very easy to put on paper the myriad thoughts we would really like to voice. In fact, mere words seem wholly inadequate at Christmas. Need we say anything further, then, than this, "It has been a pleasure to know you and have your friendship throughout the year. Merry Christmas."



Mac's Drug Store
"THE REKALL STORE"



**THANE HENDERSHOT
SUPPLY COMPANY**

THE CHRISTMAS COACH

of by-gone days is now just an old tradition... but still it pictures best of all the old fashioned good-wishes and Yuletide cheer we have for you.

Greetings

HANSON'S CAFE

As Christmas angels softly sing throughout the starlit night

May they bring a bright

Christmas message

SORENSEN'S FUNERAL HOME

To a world grown weary with suffering and sacrifice, the dawn of a Christmas Day should be a symbol of hope for a Peace Everlasting... for "Good Will to Men."

May the real significance of Christmas be in evidence throughout the entire season.

Sincere Good Wishes

Art Clough

REAL ESTATE



CHRISTMAS IN THIS CITY... A glittering tree, dim figures in the night, and the shadowy background of tall buildings—add to these the glittering sparkle of snow and then you'll know that Christmas has come to the city.



Official Poster of Fourth National Jamboree

Fifty thousand Boy Scouts, Explorers, and leaders from all parts of the nation and some from other lands will camp together at the Fourth National Jamboree July 12-18.

A 1,500-acre tent city is being prepared at historic Valley Forge in Pennsylvania. It will have its own water supply, electricity, telephone service, post offices, and other services for

the largest gathering of boys in the Western Hemisphere.

Jamboree campers, all of them at least twelve years old, holding Second Class rank or higher, will share daily camp chores, work with young people in displays, campfires, demonstrations, intercamp visits, and excursions to historic shrines in and near Philadelphia.

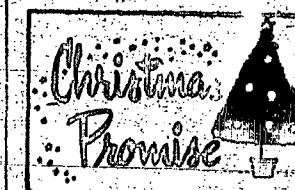
Outstanding Americans will take part in principal events.

Exercise Care in Outdoor Decorations

If you light an outdoor tree, do it with care and caution.

Spruce, fir and pines, when not too large, are ideal for outdoor Yuletide display, but holly, yew, boxwood and aborvitae are a little more sensitive to the heat of Christmas lights and their needles may be scorched if caution is not used.

Outdoor lights should always be placed so they do not touch needles. Bulbs of 15 wattage are sufficient. Use only weatherproof electrical fixtures designed for outdoor use. Check the position of the lights each day and turn them on only at eventide. Be sure to turn them out before retiring.



By Shirley Gargent
WHEN I was a boy Christmas couldn't come soon or often enough. The longed-for day was more exciting than my birthday, Fourth of July and the last day of school all put together. It was magic. Sheer, unadulterated magic compounded of hoarded pennies, the scent of pine needles, locked closets, mysterious winks, expectation and the unusually peaceful household. This last because my brother and I were told that the darndest to be good, as if to make up in one month for all the sins of the past year.

Later, Christmas lost its meaning to me, now a roving bachelor. In fact the great day came too quickly, too often, and I would work late to escape the callers and sleep even later so my empty apartment wouldn't reproach me. But now I have discovered the magic of Christmas again. A boy gave it back to me along with a happy kiss and a hug. It

mommy." Carol said, "He means Mr. Allen, the owner. No dogs allowed." "If I talked to him?" I appealed to Carol. "If I explained..." "No," Carol's face twisted, "he made an exception to allow Butch here."

Anger Strikes

To allow Butch. For an instant anger blazed through me, then I remembered, with an effort, that Mr. Allen wasn't the enemy. "Butch when we move I promise you may have a dog," I explained carefully.

"When are we gonna move?"

Children needed a time. He would be three in May. "Before your birthday," I promised, "now go to sleep, son."

In the living room, I said, "I could buy turtles and fish." "It wouldn't be the same," Carol said, "when you were little, don't you remember..."

"...for I did," I remembered. The disappointment that wasn't swallowed up by other presents but only by time and the gift of love. My son has given me more than I could give him no matter where we live. He has given me not only the happiness but the heartbreak of Christmas. I took Carol's hand and drew her into the magic of love that surrounded us.

CHRISTMAS TREES

Tradition has it that Christmas trees were first used in Germany when Christian missionaries chopped down trees worshiped by the pagans and made a decorated part of the Christian celebration.

Earliest records of the use of Christmas trees in the United States indicate that German immigrants, who wanted to preserve the type of Christmas they had in Germany, were responsible for popularizing the use of trees in this country.



He looked at me sadly. "Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he asked.

is Christmas Eve and I have been home from Korea for two weeks getting acquainted with Carol, the wife I married five months before I went overseas—and a rowdy two-and-a-half-year-old named Butch. He is my son, the child I had never seen, and he is the boy that gave Christmas back to me.

Carol and I had planned eagerly on just what Butch should receive. Butch had a long list of toys that changed from day to day, but when I had asked him what he wanted most of all, he had just looked at me sadly.

"Don't you know we live in an apartment?" he had asked.

So I told Carol, "I think Butch is worried that there isn't a fireplace for Santa to come down. Say, do you think he's too young for a football? Just a small one, of course."

Preparations

That's how it went—peacefully, traditionally—from the purchase of the tree, to the opening of Christmas cards and the hiding of presents from Butch. Until now.

Christmas Eve, I ran quickly to Butch when I heard him sobbing. His brown hair tousled, his baby-plump cheeks stained red with emotion. Butch was another boy from the one I had put to bed.

"What's wrong, dear? Tell Daddy?"

"I wanta dog more'n anything an' I can't have it."

"Can't have it," I repeated stupidly, holding his warm, sob-wrecked body in my arms. "Why not?"

Carol's hands were on my shoulders, "Because we live in an apartment."

Butch choked, "That mean old man won't let me. He is too mean.



BEAR ARCHERY COMPANY

MERRY CHRISTMAS

It is our sincere hope that, through the

years ahead, a relationship

based on friendship, confidence, and mutual respect, may grow stronger and

more enduring. Meantime, of course,

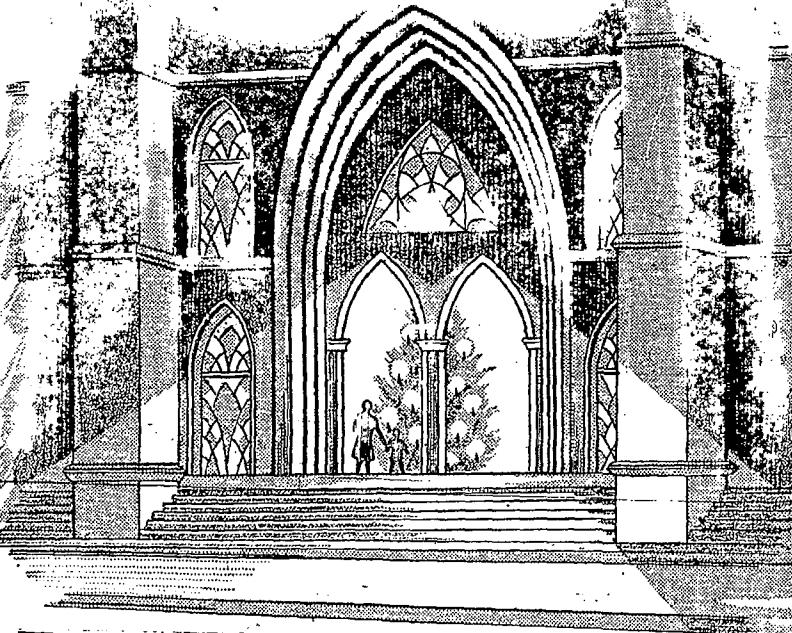
we wish you a joyous Christmas.

AU SABLE HOTEL
MRS. MARY SAJDAK, Prop.
FREDERIC

Greetings

E. R. BURNS
HARDWARE
FURNITURE

Merry Christmas



As we celebrate Christ's Day, let us keep strong in our hearts a regard for the feelings... the problems of others and treat the stranger as a brother.

Such kind consideration can start a reaction of love which can link heart-to-heart, nation-to-nation and make all of God's children brothers.

Merry Christmas to all.

JOHNSON OIL COMPANY
DISTRIBUTOR OF GOOD GULF PRODUCTS



Among the blessings of the passing year our most valued one is the friendship and good will of those we serve.

It is a privilege at this happy season to express our appreciation and to wish you a Merry Christmas.

LOZON'S STORE
FREDERIC

Merry Christmas

May your Christmas be as warm
as an old friend's greetings.

MID-TOWN SERVICES
"SPEEDWAY '79"

CHURCH SERVICES

BEAVER CREEK CHURCH OF GOD

William Ryan, pastor
Sunday School — 10:00 A. M.
Church Services — 11:00 A. M.
Sunday Eve. Services — 6:30 P. M.
Youth Meeting — 7:30 P. M.
Prayer Meeting — Wed. 7:30 P. M.
Beaver Creek Town Hall
Everyone Welcome

ST. MARY'S CHURCH

Grayling, Phone 2001
Rev. Fr. Joseph Salowell
Regular Schedule
Sunday Masses — 9:30 — 10:30.
Holidays — 6:00 — 9:00.
Weekdays — 8:00
Special Schedule

Summer — First Sunday in July to
first Sunday in September in-
clusive.
Sunday Masses — 8:30, 10 & 11
Holidays — 6:00, 8:00, 9:00.
7:30 — 9:30.

Dear Hunting Season

Sunday Masses — 5:30, 6:30, 10:30.

7:30 to 8:30 Confessions

Saturdays — 4:00, to 5:00 and

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Pastor, Rev. R. C. Puffer
Church School — 9:45 A. M.
Divine Worship — 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship — 6:30 P. M.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FREDERIC

John L. Weid, Pastor

Sunday Bible School
11:00 Morning Worship
7:00 Training Union
8:00 Evening Service

Wednesday
8:00 Prayer and Bible Study

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. Donald Healy
301 Shellenburg St.
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Worship Service 11:00 A. M.
Youth Fellowship 7:30 P. M.
Evening Service 8:00 P. M.
Prayer meeting — Thursday even-
ing, 7:30 P. M.

Reorganized Church of Jesus

Christ of Latter Day Saints

Corners Plum and Smith St.

Pastor Roy Newberry

Church School — 10:00 A. M.

Preaching — 11:00 A. M.

Mid-week service, Prayer 7:30 to

8:30.

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Worship service — 11:00 A. M.

Sunday School — 9:45 A. M.

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Reverend Roy Newberry

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Sunday School — 10:30 A. M.

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Youth Service, 6:15 p. m.

Evening Worship, 7:30 p. m.

Young People's 8:00 p. m. Monday.

Mid-Week Services

Prayer and Everybody's Bible

Class, Wednesday, 7:45 p. m.

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Rov. Clare Olin

10:30 A. M.—Sunday School

11:30 A. M.—Chapel Service

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Rev. Robert Kolenda, Pastor

Sunday services are held in the

Grayling Grange Hall, 304 Spruce St.

Sunday School 10:00 A. M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.

Evangelistic Services 7:30 P. M.

Everyone welcome.

Christian Science Society Meeting

Bagley Twp., Hall, US-27 South

of Gaylord. Church and Sunday

school services at 11:00 A. M.

Services 6:00 P. M. second Wed-

nesday each month.

St. Andrews Episcopal

Mission

Church School and Morning

prayer — 11:30 A. M. at Trinity

Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Mich-

igan.

Seventh-Day Adventist

Meet at Camp AuSable, 10:00 A. M., Saturday

THE WORD NOEL IS FROM

THE LATIN WORD "NATALIS,"

MEANING BIRTH. GRADUALLY

IT HAS COME TO MEAN CHRIST'S

BIRTH OR CHRISTMAS

LET'S LIGHT THE

Christmas

Candles

As you light the Yule

tapers at this season of

good cheer, may they

signify joy and gladness

to fill your heart for many

days to come.

J. G. JACKMAN

GENERAL INSURANCE

Year's Eve

The bell telephone shrilled and

Anna Lee ran to answer. "Hello?

Oh, yes, Joyce."

"Look, Lee, I'm awful sorry

but I can't go to the show with you

tonight." Joyce sounded uncomfortable.

"I . . . uh . . . something

else came up. I'm sorry."

"Don't be," Anna Lee said. "My

plans have changed too, so have

fun and I'll see you at work."

She hung up quickly not wanting her

voice to give her away. It didn't

take much imagination to figure

what had come up for Joyce. A

date and that was fine, only she

wished that she had one too. She

went back to her room and sank

down on the bed. She knew she

was pretty, knew too, now, that

she had been choosy about her

dates. Through her early twenties,

there had been plenty of men and

the phone at home had rung con-

stantly.

She remembered how telephone

calls had delinquent at the highbrow

themed out. Maybe she'd been too

particular, but she wanted certain

qualifications in her dates, thought maybe

she'd found them in Ralph

Cooke. But Ralph was a salesman

— farm implements—and was gone

for two weeks.

The telephone rang again. Could

she baby sit? "I'm terribly sorry."

Anna Lee didn't hesitate, "but it's

New Year's Eve and you know

what that means."

What did it mean? she wondered

again in her room. Well, it cer-

tainly didn't mean she had to stay

here. She dressed in an attractive

jumper outfit and her good, long

red coat. She would find a way to

celebrate. And she filled the voice

that questioned what she was cele-

brating.

Happy People

After dinner in a small Italian

place, she decided take a walk

down the main streets. At first she

was glad, as the sidewalk seemed

thronged with happy people.

Then a little girl, looking at the

same window display that Anna

Lee was, asked, "Where's your

daddy?"

A well-dressed, middle-aged couple

were admiring some jewelry.

"We must go, Frank," the woman

said, "we're to be at home by

midnight."

"Excuse me," the man brushed

Anna Lee's arm. "Wait, haven't

we met before?"

Anna Lee felt herself growing

tight. Really, in front of his wife!

"Of course," the woman beamed

suddenly, "we know you from your

picture."

"Our son, Ralph, has your photo-

graph and we've been wanting to

meet you. How nice you are in

person."

"Do come home with us. We're

just ready to see the New Year in

May the peace and happiness
of the Yuletide be yours today.

Merry Christmas

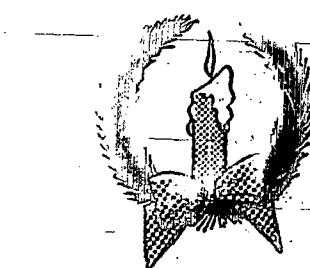
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Season's
Greetings



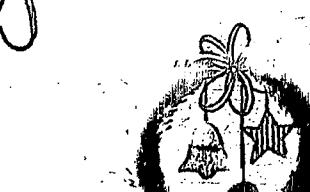
Though Christmas comes but once a year,
we wish that we could extend the gay
Holiday spirit throughout all our years...
so that the feeling of friendship which has
characterized our associations through
recent months can be made even more
friendly...more cordial...more heartfelt
...than ever before. Good wishes to all.

OLSON'S



Seasons
Greetings

There is a
special warmth of
feeling and a deep
sense of friendliness
in this greeting at
Christmas time
and in all the good
wishes it brings.



Dawson's

OLD MARTIN

By J. Conrad Inselberger
NANCY Miller, aged ten, had twelve Christmas cards left when she reached the last house on the street. She decided to try her luck with "Old Martin." She mounted the steps of the aging, deteriorating, red brick house and rang the bell. For a long moment she felt the urge to run, but the thought of the minister's surprise if she should tell the old man was too strong.

She waited there shaking and suddenly the door was opened. "Well, what do you want?" the tall old man glared down at her. "I'm Nancy Miller. I live here. Come in. Come in. You'll freeze out the house."

Nancy's heart leaped. She was inside and that was something. "I'm selling Christmas cards to help the church. Would you—" Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before. Your father owns the garage. You pestered me last year and the year before. And now you're here again. What makes you think I'll buy your cards? I haven't before."

"No. But I thought maybe you'd change your mind. The other kids—"

Old Martin snorted. "I thought I'd seen you before."

"The other children! Humph! Why don't they come here with their cards? They're afraid, eh? I'm Old Martin, the meanest man in town."

Nancy smiled up at him. "I don't think so."

"Well—I'll buy the box of cards just to get rid of you. But mind you don't ever come again."

Memories

Nancy left and the old man stared at the door wondering if he had really bought the cards to get rid of her. Could it be that she, with shining eyes and long golden hair and warm smile, reminded him of another little girl much like her? She who had left her widower father bereaved for tho-

second time within a year?

Meanwhile, Nancy raced toward the minister's house with the great news.

Late that night in the red brick house the old man spread the cards on a table and glanced over the warm and happy greetings. In the right hand corner of each card he noticed a tiny red and white Santa Claus. "Sentimental rubbish," he snorted and replaced the cards in the envelopes.

The next morning he discovered that the ancient wall paper at Christmas had other meanings.

Mistletoe, as one story goes,

once was a full grown tree. Then

its timber was cut for the cross

on which Christ was crucified.

Since then, it has retrogressed

to its present state as a parasite,

a plant which grows on other

trees.

Ancient Druids worshipped mis-

tele because it grew on their

sacred oak. At the end of every

year a Druid priest would cut

down the mistletoe with a golden

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lowed to touch the earth. Later

sprigs of mistletoe were often

fastened over doorways to ward

off evil spirits.

In Colonial days mistletoe was

high and the lad who stole a kiss

had to reach up and pull off one

berry for every kiss. His kisses

stopped when the berries were

gone.

Usual Holiday

Most everyone in town, except

Old Martin, received a share of

Christmas greetings. He got only

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ven needy people received cards

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was accompanied by a five dollar

bill. The face of every card was

rough as though something had

been pasted to it and then re-

moved.

Nancy received the twelfth card

in care of her father's garage,

and though she recognized it as

of the style she had sold she

couldn't recall to whom she had

sold it. It contained a ten dollar

bill.

Christmas Eve, an old man knelt

and prayed for the first time in

thirty years, but from the outside

the old brick house looked the

same as usual.

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the foamy, colored paraffin on the

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paraffin is hard enough to hold it

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Season's Greetings

JIM'S SINCLAIR SERVICE

A BLESSED
CHRISTMAS



The Birthday of Jesus Christ is again at hand. It is fitting that we take stock of our many blessings... that we express in words and deeds the rededication of our lives to Him and His Service.

So, in the love of Him who made possible our observance of Christmas Day, we wish you the joys and blessings of the season.

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Hope
you have a
Merry
Christmas

Grayling
Radio & TV

CHRISTMAS TREE
DO'S
AND
DON'TS

Every year, from a few days before Christmas to the week following New Year's, tragedy stalks up and down the country—tragedy in the form of needless fires. It is indeed ironic that many of these fires result from the extra hazards which exist only during the holiday season and from carelessness which would not be tolerated any other time. Follow this list of do's and don'ts—and don't let it happen to you.
DO cut a growing tree, or if you buy, be sure it hasn't dried out from prolonged storage.
DON'T get a tree any larger than you need—the larger the tree, the greater the hazard.
DO stand the tree in water or snow outdoors until you're ready to use it indoors.
DON'T use candles on the tree or nearby where there is any chance for an open flame to contact the tree or combustibles piled beneath the tree.
DO support the tree well, away from sources of heat (fireplaces, radiators, etc.).
DON'T plug too many cords into one outlet.
DO make certain that all tree lighting is turned off before retiring or leaving the house.
DON'T allow smoking near the tree amidst decorations or piles of wrappings; have plenty of safe ashtrays around and use them.
DO use non-combustible material (metal, glass, asbestos, etc.) for decorating the home whenever possible.
DON'T let Christmas wrappings accumulate in the home; place them in metal covered trash barrel or burn them in incinerator as soon as possible.



THE CHILDREN WERE SURPRISED ON CHRISTMAS MORNING BY THE GLORIOUS WISDOM THAT...

This is
the
pattern
of
the
apron



GRAYLING FLOWER SHOP

Patrick and Esther Bryson Phone 352

Like the shepherds and wise men of old
who first caught a glimpse
of that vision as they followed the

Star of Bethlehem,

may we, too, raise our eyes
to its guiding light and carry its hope
for Peace to reign on this earth.



MERRY

CHRISTMAS

Grayling State Savings Bank

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Seasons Greetings



May all the joy and beauty
of that still, Holy night
Be with you and yours

Today, tomorrow and forever

McEvers Motor Sales

BUICK — GMC TRUCKS — SALES AND SERVICE

Homemade Treats
Make Special Gifts

The Christmas season is traditionally marked by tasty things to eat. And good foods made in your kitchen add a traditional note to the celebration. Such gifts say "Merry Christmas" with an especially warm and personal touch. From a practical standpoint, they're easy on the pocketbook, too.

Many homemakers with a German heritage have treasured family recipes for beautiful marzipan candy of lebkuchen, pfeffernusse, and springlein cookies, for instance, that are perfect for sharing with friends at holiday time. Or, perhaps, your family has its own special recipe for famous English plum pudding. Spiced gin gingerbread is undoubtedly a family favorite if you're of French descent.

But, whether it's cookies, candies, puddings, fruit cakes, or jellies, homemade food gifts are easy to make and delightful to receive.

Make cream-puff shells and freeze them for use during the holiday rush. For good eating in a hurry, fill them with creamed meat, ice cream or custard.

Monogrammed napkins, matches or coasters are good gift suggestions for that person on your shopping list that has everything.

In this land of ours, we are stirred and inspired by the true meaning of this great, joyous festival of Christmas time. In its spiritual meaning it is the greatest of all occasions... and in the solemn spirit of the day we pray that all peace-loving humanity everywhere may join in devout and sincere adoration of the Child of Bethlehem.

Merry Christmas

BOGER BARBER SHOP



From All Of Us
To All Of You,

Here's A Whole
Candle Of Sincere
Good Wishes For
Your Happiness
At Christmas
And In The New
Year. We Wish
For You Good
Health And Good
Friends, Good
Fellowship And
Good Cheer

Stevenson-
Brown

Chevrolet,
Oldsmobile,
And Cadillac
Sales and Service

SEASON'S GREETINGS

CALLAHAN'S
SUNOCO SERVICE



Greetings-

Once more we pause to welcome
to our hearts this blessed season.
May it renew the great warmth
of reverent love
in the hearts of all men,
and may this Christmas day herald
the fulfillment of all our prayers
for joy and peace to all.
May your Holiday season be
filled with outstanding happiness.

CHARLES MOSHIER
PONTIAC SALES AND SERVICE

Greetings from our house . . .

Straight from our house to you comes this
message with hearty good wishes for a
Merry Christmas.

If we had the magic power of good old
St. Nick to be everywhere at the same
time, we could say it in person. But our
thoughts at least can come to you with
all the good things that go toward making
each Holiday Season one of happy
memories.

... to your house

CHILLIE'S KEY O' NAILS



THIS WREATH OF STYROFOAM, greens, holly and gold roping
hanging on your front door will be a welcome sign to any holiday
guest. Just put your imagination and your fingers to work and
your door, too, can wear this "welcome" sign. M. S. U. Photo

Bethlehem Basilica Among Oldest Churches

The Basilica of the Nativity at Bethlehem, constructed more than 1,620 years ago, is one of the oldest churches in Christendom.

As it stands today it represents the original building as erected by Emperor Constantine and restorations and additions made under Justinian.

It is surrounded by three convents of separate faiths, Greek, Latin and Armenian. All three have the privilege of worshiping in the Grotto of the Nativity.

Many After-Holiday Uses for Family Tree

There are a number of uses which you can put your Christmas tree after it has served its purpose in the home.

You can cut off the longer branches and "plant" them as windbreaks to protect outdoor plantings such as low-growing boxwood, azalea, yew, rhododendron and juniper. Little tepees can be built around exposed shrubs and tender plants. This will protect them from biting, drying winds and prevent snow and ice from accumulating and bending the plants out of shape.

Other branches curved end up over flower beds where the ground is exposed will prevent heaving of soils during alternate freezing and thawing. Heaving may force bulbs and roots of perennials from the ground.

The entire tree may be used as a bird feeder in the back yard. It may be either anchored securely or fastened to a fence. Pieces of suet tied to its branches and a container of water nearby will provide a constant supply of food for your feathered friends.

Sending Cards Is Old Holiday Tradition

The custom of sending Christmas cards has grown so popular through the years that each year an average of one and one-half billion cards are mailed.

Some historians suggest that the idea of sending Christmas cards originated with school boys away from home, who wrote their letters on fancy paper and in fancy writing.

William Egley sent out a Christmas greeting on a fancy card in 1842 which showed his artistic and engraving talent. The card carried the message, "A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

In 1846, Henry Cole, a middle class Englishman, sent Christmas cards which depicted a Victorian family gathered at the festive board and which carried the message "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You."

The cards brought fame and popularity to Henry Cole, but it was two decades before Christmas cards were sold generally.

*a
Happy
Holiday
Season*

Our wish
for you and yours.

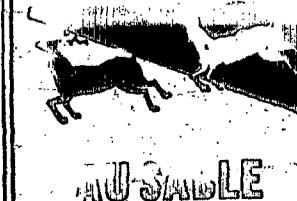
Jack Munkin
CONTRACTOR



BOY, OH, BOY . . . If this
isn't the biggest and brightest
candle this youngster ever dis-
covered, it will do until some
future year when maturity will
bring the deeper significance of
this great holiday.

*Merry
Christmas*

At this season of good cheer we wish to express our sincere appreciation of the cordial relations existing between us and to extend best wishes for a Merry Christmas.



AU SADDLE
Restaurant

Crawford County Avalanche
Thursday, December 20, 1956



Of all the world's holidays, Christmas is the holiday that belongs to everyone. Christmas is for everyone, the old and the young, the sick and the infirmed, the happy children and their more serious elders.

Yes, Christmas belongs to no one alone. Men of different nations and diversified beliefs always share a certain unity in the observance of this greatest of all holidays, Christmas, and the spirit that goes with it, belongs to us all.

Christmas is a time of excitement for the very young. It means good food, bright lights, an inviting pyramid of presents beneath a glittering tree.

Christmas is likewise a time of joy for those who are growing up. And for these Christmas begins to take on a deeper and more significant meaning with each holiday. Behind the laughter and festivities, the caroling and presents, there is borne the realization that there is yet greater joy in the holiday, though the glitter of Santa Claus becomes dimmer year by year.

For others, Christmas is a magic mirror of memories, a mirror that dissolves all the prejudice, hate and sorrow to which mankind is afflicted; a mirror that reflects only the kindness and goodness God wished for the world He created.

Christmas is all these things, and more. It is the shadow of a church steeple in the winter's snow; a pointed ray of light shining through a stained glass window; the crunch, crunch of heavy footsteps on crusted snow; and voices singing in the night.

Christmas is all things to all men; and to all men it is the shining symbol of man's continual hope for eternal salvation.

May all the Peace of Christmas-

time abide forever in your

heart and give, through your

Faith in Him, a lasting joy.

*Holiday
Greetings*

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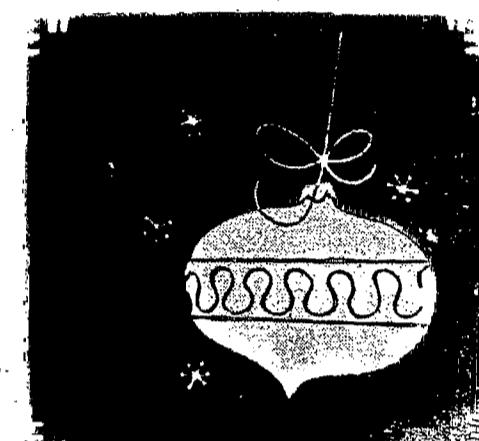
ARLENE HALSTEAD, Prop.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We wish to express to you our most sincere appreciation for the cordial relations with you during the past year and assure you of our sincere desire for their continuance by wishing you a very Merry Christmas.

AUSABLE SERVICE STATION

FLOYD COLE, Prop.



Thank You . . .

. . . is the most sincere expression we know of to convey our appreciation for the friendship, cooperation and excellent business relationship which were so important to our mutual benefit during the past year.

May we extend to you and yours a message of good cheer and much happiness at Christmas time.

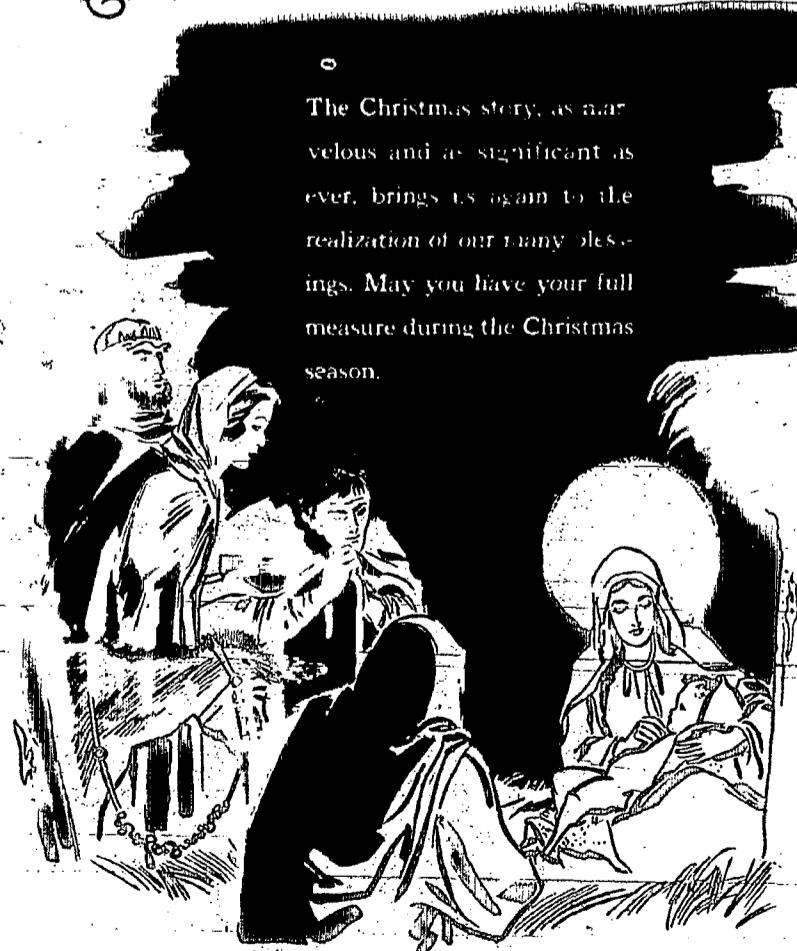
HERLUF SORENSEN

Sportsman's Headquarters

108 Michigan Ave. Grayling

Season's Greetings

The Christmas story, as marvelous and as significant as ever, brings us again to the realization of our many blessings. May you have your full measure during the Christmas season.



"And this shall be a sign unto you, Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger."

Luke 2:12

Grayling Mercantile Company



*Thy mercy, O Lord,
endureth forever.*

Psalm 138:8

Christmas Blessings

May the Saviour bless you
this holy Christmastide
and may His tender love
abide with you and yours

ERNEST HOESLI
STANDARD OIL AGENT



the
old, old
story of

CHRISTMAS

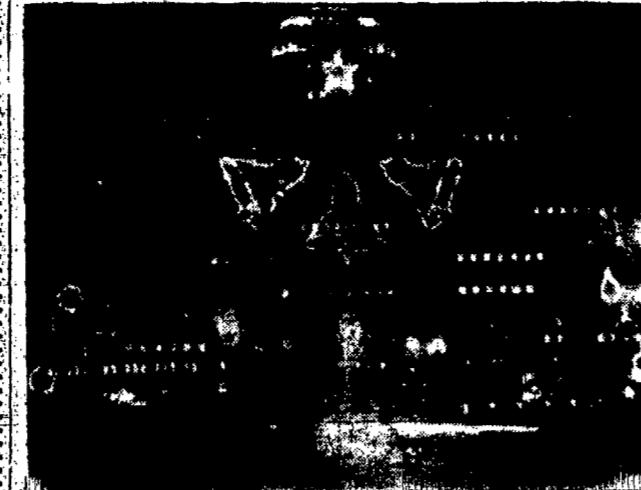
Christmas can and should be
more than just a day...

It should be a spirit as vital throughout the
year as on the Birthday of the Saviour.

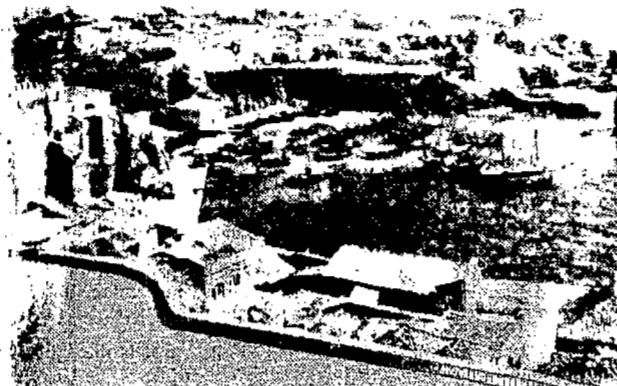
For the Spirit of Christmas is the
Spirit of a love-and-faith which nothing can
dim. It is the spirit of the Golden Rule...
the essence of friendship.

For yours we are grateful and as the
Season is properly observed
we wish each of you a glorious Holiday.

MADSEN CASH LUMBER YARD
ON M-72, EAST CLARE MADSEN, Owner



DISPLAY ... Long noted for its pleasant Christmas window, Chicago's Merchandise Mart, which boasts more than 1,000 stores, has once again presented this year's gift giving to the people of Chicago.



SANTA CLAUS LAND ... You'd never convince the younger set, but this photo shows the real Santa Claus land—Antalya in Southern Turkey, capital of the province where St. Nicholas was born, lived and became a legend 1600 years ago. Snow and reindeer are never seen in this lush land on the shores of the Eastern Mediterranean where swimming on Christmas Day is common.



By Janet Hall

MARGE stood in the doorway of her bedroom and looked at the dress in dismay. Obviously it was meant for the Junior Class Show Ball in January and just as obviously it was expensive.

"Oh, why!" she exclaimed, touching the fabric as if it were something repulsive.

What's the matter with them, Marge thought. Dad needs new clothes and things for the house and Mom always looks so poor and worried.

Wearily she changed her clothes. The house was empty, for her mother was busy sitting to earn a little extra to help out.

Marge went downstairs and looked at the Christmas tree and the gifts displayed under it. She felt embarrassed even though she was alone in the room. Somehow it was always rather mortifying to

show the gifts when friends and relatives called. Her pile of gifts was always so large and lavish and her parents' so sparse.

Just this once she wanted their gifts to be important like hers, not just little odds and ends to be explained away with, "We try to make a big Christmas for Marge." She had saved nearly every cent she had earned the previous



She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

summer so she could give her father a new jacket and her mother a new coat.

I tried to tell them I didn't want a lot for Christmas, but I didn't do a very good job of it, she told herself as she glanced at the twin cashmere sweaters, the new skirt and the other gifts. I wish I'd had the courage to be more frank.

But I have the courage today, she thought, running up the stairs. She found the dress box and carefully folded the dress and wrapped it for return.

For Better

Her knees were shaking as she wondered what she would say when her mother saw the dress wrapped with such finality. It's for her own good, she told herself firmly. In a week or two she'll realize it's best.

When she heard the front door open and close, she ran downstairs to meet her mother. "Hi," she said, quelling her feeling of nervousness.

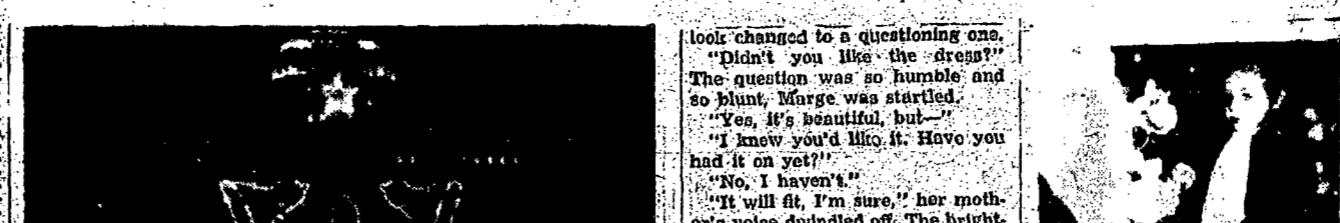
Her mother glanced at her fondly. Her dark brown eyes darted around the room, looking to see if Marge had brought the dress downstairs. Then the expectant

We trust that
you and your
loved ones will

share in every
Christmas plea-
sure. A Merry
Holiday to all!

To wish you
every happiness
at Christmas

WHARFF'S
DINNER BELL
INN



TALKING TO SANTA ... It's an old, old story that's new every year for thousands of children this visiting Santa in the big department store to talk about what's to be in the Christmas stocking. Most always, there's a proud parent standing nearby to do a little prompting if necessary.

Hor Secret

Marge knew she'd never tell her parents how she felt about their gift. She had been saving the earning money and I can pay them back but now I'll just take what they offer, she decided, feeling defeated.

"Your father's coming. Go put on the dress and show him how pretty you are," her mother said excitedly.

When she came downstairs they were waiting for her. Clutched in her father's arms was a box which she knew contained something for her. In their eyes were love, pride, and happiness mixed with a satisfied touch of martyrdom.

She had to swallow to keep her face pretty and composed, for what they really wanted most of all was a pretty and popular daughter. That was all they would allow her to give.

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MAS SINCE BIRTH OF CHRIST WHEN ALL THE EARTH'S BELLS RANG IN CELEBRATION OF THE NATIVITY

THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND THE U. S. A.

With
best wishes
for
Christmas
and the coming
year

JANSEN PLUMBING SERVICE

"THOUGHTS ABOUT CHRISTMAS AND THE U. S. A."

Abraham Lincoln is considered the "Great Emancipator" so-called by the historians. The "Greatest Emancipator" all time however, was the Christchild whose life and death, both in the cause of the "dignity of man". This is also recorded in history, by the greatest of historians, the Apostles.

It is felt that the following thoughts recorded by an unknown man whose skin may have been black, yellow, or white, worth presenting as we observe the birthday of the "Great Emancipator", Jesus Christ.

You want to know what Freedom is, son? It's an idea: great idea that's taller than the Rockies, mightier than the Mississippi, broader than the whole USA!

"Freedom's an idea that you and I are important, just because we're people."

"Freedom's the right to read, to learn, to think, to make the most and best of our lives."

"Freedom's your Mom and you and me, strolling to church on a shining Sunday morning."

"Freedom's the right to call our home our own; or to pull up stakes tomorrow and head out somewhere else if we choose."

"Freedom's the reason we figure on seeing friends when our doorkell rings at night; it's the right to live without fear hanging 'round all the corners of our world."

"Freedom's the whooping big arguments you hear about how this country oughta be run. It's all the free ideas about everything under the sun, being swapped on our streets, over our coffee, in our newspapers."

"That's Freedom, son; it's life as we figure the CREATOR intended us to live it. And remember . . . just as long as we keep wanting Freedom, thinking Freedom—deserving Freedom — nothing in this whole wide world could ever take it away from us!"

MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR
JOHN H. PETERSON

Friendly Greetings
to You
at Christmas



SALES 5c to \$1.00 STORE



Christmas Greetings

May His message of peace and good will fill
every heart at this Christmas season. And may
your heart and home be filled with all the many
blessings of the Yuletide.



WELSH MOTOR SALES

"Your Friendly Ford Dealer"

How beautiful
is this occasion to remem-
ber the deeper significance
of Christmas, the won-
drous gift to all mankind
born among us as a Little
Child . . . the significance
of the inner peace and
security of those who have
found Christ in their
hearts.

Let us not forget the real
meaning of Christmas as
we enjoy the fellowship
of our loved ones and

Hope you have the
Merriest Christmas
Ever!



the pink lady

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Santa Claus Drawing This Saturday For Kiddies Gift

Vikings-Rayders Battle For First Place Here Friday

Grayling Trips Mancelona, Gaylord Tie For Loop Lead With Charlevoix

Reserves Drop Two Games By Close Scores

A show down battle for the lead at least for the Northern Class C Conference will take place in the Grayling High gym this Friday evening as the two teams now tied for the lead clash head on. The Charlevoix Red Rayders boasting an equal four wins, no lost record and a 55 to 44 victory over Gaylord on Friday, Grayling Vikings will battle it out on the local hardwood to determine who will stay up on the hill and who will slide down.

Charlevoix advanced this past week with a 55 to 36 win over Jordan and a 55 to 53 victory over Gaylord. On Friday, Grayling triumphed over Mancelona team 55 to 53. By comparison scores, the two teams appear quite even in strength. Both defeated Gaylord by 2 points.

Eagles Win Fifth Loop Game, 57-30

The Frederic Eagles continued their domination over the Antwerp County D League as they rode roughshod over Fife Lake last Friday night by a 57 to 30 score. Frederic took a 9 to 8 edge over the Fife Lakers in the first quarter and managed a 21 to 16 halftime lead. The big birds went to work in the third quarter snowing under Fife Lake by 22 to 14 margin and held a 14 to 10 mark into final period.

Bruce Welsh hit for 22 points for the victors and John Mertes played his first varsity game through with 14 big points. Coach Dick Ebert of the Eagles was short two starters via the ineligible route. Alfie Hummel had 8, Lewis Johnson 6, Paul and Wayne Winston and Bill Dickey all had 4 each. Dupie with 8 helped the Lakers scoring.

In the girls' team game as the curtain raiser, the Frederic mites took a 27 to 23 trouncing. The Fife Lake girls took an early lead and never relinquished it. The only quarter where Frederic had an edge was the third which they won 10 to 9. Becky Swarthwood with 16 led the Frederic scoring with Lorel Schmidt adding 10 and Nellie Armstrong 1. Ramsey with 15 points was top scorer for the Fife Lake girls.

Frederic travels to Merritt this Friday night for their first non-conference game. The preliminary will be between the reserve units of both schools.

Services Held For Infant

Cremation services at Oakwood Cemetery in Frederic were held December 12, Wednesday at 1:00 P.M. In the afternoon, for Valerie Robin Harmer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Harmer, born November 20, 1934. Valerie passed away suddenly at Gaylord on Tuesday, December 11, 1934. Rev. John Weld officiated. Those from out of town attending the services were Emery Craft and Mrs. Robert Henard of Detroit, and Emery Craft, Jr., of Trenton.

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NCY SHARE AWA

Bo Hayes (left) Grayling Chamber of Commerce Secretary recently presented this national First Award for Advertising Excellence to Fred Bear famous bowler and president of Grayling Bear Archery Company. Third from left, Lookout are Charles D. Piper, right, Vice President and general manager of Paxton Advertising Inc., of Benton Harbor, Michigan, responsible for the Bear advertising program.

In presenting this trophy and a second one to Bear, C. of C. Secretary Hayes acted officially for the First Advertising Agency Group, a coast-to-coast network of advertising firms who annually call in outside experts to judge their efforts. In 1935 entries were submitted from all over the nation and this year were judged by a panel of manufacturers and retailers in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

The statuette shown here was awarded for excellence of the entire Bear advertising program, while another First Award received by Bear for his 1936 catalog rated tops among all catalogs competing regardless of type. (Photo taken in Bear Archery Trophy Room.)

Local Woman Receives Call From NBC Program

Mrs. Jeannette Nelson received a phone call Monday night from the NBC network program, "Queen for a Day," and was notified by emcee Jack Bailey that her sister-in-law, Mrs. Shirley O'Bleness had wished for a very happy Christmas for Mrs. Nelson and her family. Mrs. O'Bleness' card containing the wish was the one chosen from the audience watching the show.

Mr. Bailey explained that to comply with the wish, they had planned to send a turkey and all the trimmings, but since it was too close to Christmas for the gift to arrive in time, a generous check would be sent instead. Afterwards, Mrs. Nelson was able to talk to her sister-in-law for about 45 minutes.

The program, "Queen for a Day" was being filmed Monday for later telecast and may be seen Friday, December 21 at 4 p.m. over the Traverse City station. Mrs. O'Bleness will appear on the program.

Seek Bids For New M-72 Bridge

In this week's issue of the Avalanche, the State Highway Department is advertising for bids for the construction of a new bridge on M-72 east crossing the South Branch of the AuSable River.

The new bridge, which will carry the relocation of M-72, as part of the new route east from Grayling complete with blacktop, will take the place of the present Smith Bridge. It is hoped that the extreme curves at each end of the present bridge will be eliminated when the new bridge is constructed. The bad approach to the present bridge from both sides has contributed to several vehicle accidents.

Completion date for the new bridge and approaches has been set for July 31, 1952. The bids on the construction will be opened in Lansing on January 9, 1952.

O. E. S. and Masons Hold Christmas Party

About 25 people attended the Eastern Star and Mason's family Christmas party Saturday night, December 15. A very nice potluck supper was enjoyed, followed by a program which was planned and directed by Miss Judy Larson.

Shirley, Sharon and Sherry Madson sang "Frosty the Snowman." Janet Rowland spoke "Far Off Judea." Carole Gross played on her accordian "Whispering Hope." Jean Holcamp sang "C-h-r-i-s-t-m-a-s," followed by "Silent Night" sung by the whole group led by Mrs. Van Smith, with Judy Larson at the piano. Santa was on hand to present the children with boxes of candy.

The kitchen committee did a fine job, chairmaned by Mrs. Forrest Annis, who was assisted by Mrs. Burton McWilliams, and Mr. and Mrs. Van Smith.

The Misses Amber and Burns Meach will resume their duties at the Ski Club in Gaylord as of December 26.

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Kiwanis Club

On Monday night members of the Kiwanis Club adjourned to the Shoppington Inn and boxed gifts of clothing and toys for distribution on Christmas Eve to underprivileged children in the community.

Members of the Kiwanis Club had previously wrapped the gifts of clothing and the Kiwanis made up boxes of the clothing and appropriate toys. Five members of the Gaylord Kiwanis Club met with the Grayling Club Monday night for an interclub meeting.

Thursday, 12 members of the club will drive members of the Grayling Glee Club to the T. B. Sanitorium at Gaylord where the Glee Club will present a program, and is to leave the school at 1:45 P.M.

The next two meetings of the Club will be held on Wednesdays instead of the usual Mondays due to the holidays. A new member is to be inducted at the next meeting on December 29 and installation of the new 1957 officers will take place on January 2. On January 7, Conservation Commissioner George Griffith will be in charge of a program on land use.

The Kiwanis Christmas tree lot at the Kiwanis office will stand a great deal more customers.

Hal McIntyre Band To Play For Winter Queen's Ball Feb. 1st

One of the brightest stars on the musical horizon is Hal McIntyre, young, personable saxophonist and band leader, whose MGM records and jam packed personal appearances have made him a standout. Hal McIntyre and his band have been selected to play at the Miss Michigan Winter Queen's Ball at Grayling on Saturday, February 1.

The only leader of major ranking to have gone overseas for USO to entertain the GI's at the front.

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OUR FRIENDS AND A HAPPY AND
PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO ALL.

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the Holiday season to depart from
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wish you and yours a Merry Christmas.



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Calls for the full and immediate payment of
your coal account by the tenth of the follow-
ing month.

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Bits O' Talk

Mrs. Olie Williamson drove to Linwood Tuesday of last week on business.

Mrs. Holger Schmidt left Monday to spend the winter in Detroit with her brother, Ray Owen.

Miss Jane Brush and Miss Jean Rasmussen were in Saginaw Saturday before last. They were accompanied home by Miss Delores LaMotte, who spent the week end with her parents, the Middle LaMottes.

Have her diamond remounted for Christmas this year at Davis Jewelry.

Miss Shirley Rasmussen returned from Washington, D. C., the first of the month, and is employed in "Traverse City."

Mrs. Glen Fenton and daughter, Peggy, accompanied Mrs. Carl E. Johnson to Midland Wednesday of last week, to spend the day.

Mrs. Clarence Roberts, sons, Mike and Don, spent Wednesday of last week in Kingsley, visiting the former's mother, Mrs. George Smith. The Robertses spent Sunday in Onaway visiting his mother, Mrs. Oscar Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bromwell have left to spend the winter at their farm in West Branch.

Mrs. Thane Henderhot was in Roscommon on business Wednesday of last week.

William Hoffman was in Owosso Monday and Tuesday on business.

Rex Hunter of Michigan State U. arrived home for the term and Christmas holidays Tuesday of last week.

Derek McEvers of CMC at Mt. Pleasant arrived home Friday to spend the holidays.

Charles Stoddard returned to his duties at the Grayling Laundry last week after being hospitalized for an operation November 28th. Harold Short was in Lansing Tuesday.

Among the students at Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant home to visit their parents for the Christmas holidays are Marvin Bielski, Joanne Andrews, Hans Andrews, Roger Kesseler, James Klein, Mary Jane Wakeley and Bob Lovely.

To taxpayers in Maple Forest Township, I am living at 709 Park St. in Grayling. Will mail in taxes there, or send by mail to Route 1, Frederic, Mich. Pearl Babbitt, Treasurer.

Her diamond can be remounted while you wait at Davis Jewelry.

Mr. and Mrs. Hurl Deckrow left December 15th to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Axel Peterson in Plattsburgh, Neb.

They stopped in Lansing for an overnight visit with Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wells, and in Toledo for an overnight stay with Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Bargen before continuing on to Nebraska.

Davis Jewelry store have applied new siding on the upper portion of the building.

Mrs. Donald Wood visited her daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Elsey, in Detroit from Wednesday until last Friday.

The Q. C. Club met Saturday, December 8th, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hurl Deckrow. The hostess served an excellent chicken dinner. Gifts were exchanged among the group. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lovley won the door prizes.

Mrs. Eugene Papendick visited her sister, Mr. and Mrs. Orrin Gray, at Fife Lake Sunday a week ago.

The Olie Williamson are in-

stalling new aluminum siding on their home on Cedar St.

Week end guests of the Fred Parks were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Eagle of Adrian.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Richardson enjoyed a week's vacation visiting their son, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Richardson in Clinton, Neb.

They also spent some time with Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Cocking in Oxford. Mr. Richardson returned a few days before Mrs. Richardson, who stopped in East Lansing on her return Tuesday of last week to pick up her daughter, Mary, who is home from MSU for the Christmas holidays.

Jack Fowler enjoyed a week's vacation from his duties at Cadillac Overall Supply Co., last week and with Mrs. Fowler and their children, Mike, Rickey and Mary, left Wednesday evening and spent until Sunday visiting Mrs. Fowler's sister, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Bottner and family in Bay City.

A birthday party for Tommy Walsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Walsh, was held Sunday, December 2. Tommy's fifth birthday was December 3rd. Present for the occasion were Leads DuBois and Miss Jaynie Beebow, of Vassar.

Lake Margrethe Water Level

(Information furnished by U. S. Geological Survey)
Period of record, Nov. 12, 1942
to date.
Water level, Dec. 13, '56, 1134.05 ft.

Water level, Dec. 13, '55, 1134.33 ft.

Maximum level for period of record, April 5, 1943, 1135.39 ft.

Minimum level for period of record, Sept. 24-27, 1948, 1133.57 ft.

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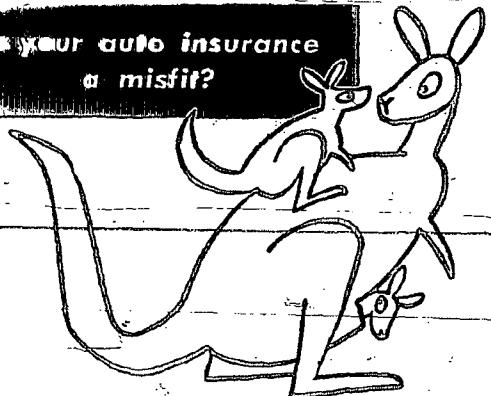
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SEASON'S GREETINGS

May this holiday season bring to the world peace,
Everlasting joy and sincere faith which we pray.
Remains to bless the hearts of one and all for the
Rest of the days of life on earth - through the long
Years and the many Christmases which are yet to come.

Christmas is indeed the happiest and by far the
Holiest of our great holidays. It is now we must
Remember that on a starry night long, long ago
In the humble surroundings of a crude and simple
Stable, there was born a child, a Savior of men.
Through the Holy Birth of this King of Kings, all
Mankind is blessed with the inspiration of faith
And the hope of eternal redemption outlined in the
Sacred goodness of that One Wonderful Life on earth.

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KEEP YOUR CHRISTMAS CANDLE LIGHTED



ed as shovel operator for Pickett & Goodwin at St. Helen, spends the weekends at the Grayling at the Jerry Sherman home.

Miss Olive LaViolette of Bay City will be the guest of Richard Lovley over the weekend.

Governor Comstock has appointed John Bruun a member of the Farm Debt Adjustment Committee.

The jinx that has been following Grayling High school basketball team has been scared away at last night they overtook Boyne City by the score of 26 to 22 on the latter's floor.

Mrs. Hazel McClellan was hostess at a Christmas party for employees of the Tri-County News Company of this district Tuesday evening at her home.

From a brilliant Christmas tree little Bobby McClellan as Santa Claus distributed the gifts that were exchanged. After a social evening the hostess served a delicious lunch with a trimmings miniature Christmas tree as centerpiece for the lunch table.

Those who were there included Mr. and Mrs. Jack Clark, Misses Louise Murphy, Margaret Gardner and Virginia Pelkey, all of Roscommon; Miss Agnes Carpenter, Vandemon; Miss Anna Karomel and Patricia Shock, Gaylord; Mrs. Lillian Renn, Misses Annabel Harris and Agnes Brozek of Grayling exchange.

Twenty-four deaths and 52 injuries represent Michigan's 1933 toll from hunting accidents, the Department of Conservation announced today.

The small game season preceding Nov. 15 resulted in 17 killed and 34 wounded.

The deer hunting season brought seven additional accidental deaths and 12 wounded. The toll is the highest in the records of the Department.

A daughter was born to Mr.

and Mrs. Edward Pratt Monday.

George Ostrom, son of ex-Governor Osborn, called on Walter Cowell Friday en route to the Soo.

Francis Warner, who is employ-

ed by the state highway department,

Contracts for ten PWA projects were awarded last Friday by the State Highway Department.

Among them was one for 6.75 miles of 18 foot surface road in Grayling and South Branch townships, east of Grayling. Edward Closser of Detroit was the low bidder at \$67,657.40.

This highway will run from Stephan's corner on the south side of the river to South Branch township. It will open a route that has long been needed and provide a much shorter route for people living in South Branch township for reaching the county seat - Grayling - and also provide a more direct route to Mio. It will cross the South Branch river at about the present location of Smith Bridge.

The lumberjacks opened this season's campaign by defeating Traverse City by a 36 - 21 count Friday night on the home court.

Grayling High School's far-flung basketball wars took the Varsity to Houghton while the B team was at Houghton Lake. Both teams lost and both had very interesting engagements.

Coach Willard Cornell's Varsity dropped a 34 - 18 decision to Alpena.

The B team had a fiercely fought engagement on Houghton Lake's small floor. Houghton managed to cash in enough points to pull the game out at 24 - 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tomkins have moved into the Archie Loveley house on Chestnut St.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. McNinis are expected to spend Christmas here with the latter's mother, Mrs. O. Milnes, and her brother and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Peterson and family will spend Christmas in Ludington, at the home of Mrs. Peterson's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Bromwell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Yuill of Vanderbilt will spend Christmas here with the latter's parents, Mr. and

Mrs. Robert Ziebell.

Miss Elizabeth Matson arrived

home Saturday from Battle Creek College to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Matson.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Matson of Flint, Miss Janet Matson accompanied by Russell White of Detroit and Mr. and Mrs. W. Clarence Smith, of Roscommon, will also be at the parental home for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Funk and sons Robert and Edwin left

Monday morning for Nebraska to visit over the holidays with Mrs. Funk's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Roberts.

The Roberts both of whom are in their 80's

lived in Grayling several years

ago and it is 16 years since the

families have seen each other so

no doubt the visit will be a joy-

ous one. They made the trip by

automobile and expect to be gone

for three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Evans and

the often quoted blessing

of Tiny Tim expresses the

essence of good Christmas

wishes. May you truly be

blessed with all the good

things of life.

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WARM HEARTS, WARM GREETINGS, GIFTS AND HOLLY, A WARM HOUSE, TOO, MAKES CHRISTMAS JOLLY!

FUEL KIDS

CHRISTMAS

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BON'S RADIO SHOW — Offers complete service on all makes of radio and television. We also do complete antenna service. Come in and see us for your radio and television needs. 403 Peninsular phone 3586, 8-1218.

HOME ELECTRICAL Appliance repairing. W. Mikesell, Phone 4173, 21-11.

FOR SALE — Used automatic washing machines. Westinghouse General Electric, Bendix, Mosher Refrigeration, 513 Cedar St., Phone 2476, 9-8-11.

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F H A LOANS ON SERVICE HOMES Wade's Building Service GRAYLING PHONE 4128 4/5-11.

MILLIKIN BROTHERS — Floyd and LeRoy. Crane and bulldozer work. Road building. 8 miles south of Grayling on M-76. Apr. 15-11.

FOR SALE — Bottle gas for all needs; cooking, heating, hot water and refrigeration. We do not charge a deposit on cylinders. Come in and see us. Fugels Co., Inc., formerly Weaver's Bottle Gas or call 3881, Grayling. 6-13-11.

FOR SALE — Used refrigerators, ranges and freezers. Mosher Refrigeration, 513 Cedar Street, Phone 2476. 3-3-11.

FOR REAL ESTATE SEE DOYLE IN GRAYLING

W. H. CORNELL, Mgr.
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Other Offices In GAYLORD, LEWISTON and PETOSKEY

FOR SALE — OLIVER 60 TRACTOR — with full mounted buzz saw — on rubber, starter and lights. Good condition. Reasonable price. Call at Bud's Standard Service, Lovells. 11/15-11.

HOUSEWORK BY THE DAY WANTED — Gladys O'Connor, Star Route, Grayling. 13-20-27.

FOR SALE — Second cutting Alfalfa for deer or rabbits, 90¢ a bale. Wm. Love, 9 miles south of Grayling, 1 mile east. 13-20.

FOR SALE — Willys 52 Aro Lark, radio, heater, new tires. A good buy. \$225.00. Thomas B. Taylor, Waters, Mich. 13-20.

EXPERIENCED HANDY MAN — Carpenter work, small job, large job. Earl Nelson, 3 miles West on M-72 or Box 453, City 13-20-27.

LOST — PARKER PEN 51, lost by Wayne Dutton. Finder please return to Mrs. Dutton, 315 R. R. Reserve St. Reward. Please 13-20.

WILL DO IRONINGS — Phone 3947. 13-20.

OFFICE GIRL WANTED Phone 3371 for appointment. 13-20.

I WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE for any credit contracted for by anyone other than myself. Alice Pratt. 13-20-27.

FOR RENT — Warm four room house, water, electricity. Herb Ferguson, RFD, Grayling. 13-20-27.

FOR SALE — Nearly new Cleary manual cash register. Write Jack Hull, 170 N. Updyke, Pontiac or call Mrs. Frank Snider, Grayling, 4120. 20.

SALES OPPORTUNITY — A franchise is to be granted in the Grayling area by one of the largest insurance firms in the Nation. Guaranteed income, liberal group insurance and pension benefits as well as a complete course of professional training marks this franchise as one of the most unusual ever offered in this area. All inquiries are kept completely confidential. Personal contact will be made by the division manager of the Corporation. Direct inquiries to Box 571, Saginaw, Michigan.

LAND CONTRACT FOR SALE with \$1200.00 discount. For details contact Leo E. Lovely, Phone 3911. 20-27-3-10.

BABY SITTING WANTED during Christmas vacation. Phone 2801. 13-20-27.

FOR RENT — NEW 2-BEDROOM modern apartment. Phone 4588. 12-20-11.

FOR SALE — 4-DOOR '51 FORD. Custom, \$350. Good condition. Radio, Heater and good rubber. VA 1-6243. Herbert Glidden Jr., Higgins Lake, Mich. 20.

CARD OF THANKS

I would like to thank Drs. Rodda and Henig, and the entire staff of Mercy Hospital for their kind services, and also friends and neighbors for the many cards and flowers.

Mrs. Cora Meech



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LEGAL NOTICE

Mercy Hospital News

Among the patients at the Hospital this week were Louise Brown, John Galloway, Helen Hartfield, John Morrison, Ed Ziebell, of Grayling, Bert of Frederic, Hubert Albrecht, Harold Kingold and Margaret Richmond of Roscommon, Ed Adolfsen, and Asa Wiley of Houghton Lake. Ermine Schaller and Clifford Wilbur of Prudenville; Nina Hooker of Atlanta, Bert Clinton of Lewiston, Mary Garver of Gladwin, Harold Gallo of Oak Park, Emma Hartwig of Luerne; Lella Pavey and Nellie Trippett of Kalkaska; and Robert Thayer of Gilmore.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Gierke had a son, Rex Allen, weighing 7 lbs. 7 oz. on December 14, 1955. John and Mrs. Lloyd Glerke and Roy John, son of Grant are the grandparents. A 2-1/2 year old Mrs. Anthony Abbateello had a daughter born December 14.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hergenreder of Gaylord had a daughter born December 14.

Completion date for entire project July 31, 1958.

The Department's Standard Specifications (1950 Edition), its current Soils Manual, the plans for this project, the special provisions governing the subletting and assigning the contract and the employment and use of labor, and the proposal blanks (all of which are essential parts of the contract) may be examined at the district office of the Department at Alpena, Michigan, and at the Michigan Road Builders Association, Lansing, Michigan, but may be obtained only at the office of Contract Estimate Engineer, 715 Stevens T. Mason Bldg., Lansing, Michigan, up to 5:00 P. M. of the day preceding the opening of bids. A fee of three dollars will be charged for furnishing plans or proposal blanks which will not be refunded.

Full cooperation in carrying out the special provisions will be required. Minimum wage paid to labor employed on this contract shall be as outlined in the proposal.

A Certified or Cashier's Check, Bank Money Order, or Certificate of Deposit, properly endorsed on an open, solvent bank, in the sum of \$8,500,000, payable to Charles M. Ziegler, State Highway Commissioner, must accompany each proposal. All such checks will be returned promptly after the bidding, except that of the lowest bidder will not be returned until execution and delivery of the contract to the State Highway Department.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals.

CHARLES M. ZIEGLER
State Highway Commissioner
Dated: 12-12-56
Lansing, Michigan
GWT:ag

In Answer To Phineas T. Appleby's Letter

CARE

(Overseas Relief)

Starving children, we care. And our pennies we share. Mommies and Daddies do Get cold and hungry too. A little goes so far, Let's start a 'penny jar'... (By Esther Hall)

Dear Tommy, Vera, Gail, Wanda, Rickie, Gregg, Warren, Carlene, Stevie, Sherrie, Shelly:

Yesterday I bought all of your Christmas presents from money which Grampa gives me. I can hold it in one hand, but you can't hold it in yours, nor put it under your Christmas tree! This letter is all you will see about it. I sent a dollar for each of you, and one extra, making \$ to CARE.

You see, there are starving children overseas who have no Christmas. We don't have everything they want, but we try to clothe them, warm homes, and toys; so we should think of these poor people where War has been; and is; and wrecked their homes and lands.

I'm going to write out 3 problems for you about the dollar you sent to the United Nation (UN); and this arithmetic packs more wallop than that of the Good Old Days!

\$1. UN will buy 95 children a glass of milk for 7 days—How many glasses of milk will your \$ buy? How many will a penny buy?

2 \$ will feed a family of 4 for one month. How long will the \$2 feed them?

3 Start at New Year's and save 2 pennies each week from your allowance, and before next Christmas you will have: 2 pennies x 50 weeks = pennies or \$.

But we don't want to wait a whole year before we help them again; some of them might die of hunger or cold, so if you put your pennies aside and just as soon as you get it, hand it over to CARE.

Remember to send to CARE, Overseas Relief, New York, P. O.

I think this is really the kind of present that Jesus likes people to give on His Birthday, or any day in the year!

I'm sending this letter to the oldest in each family, so you read and explain it to the ones that are old enough to go to school.

Love

Grama Hall

— Explorer Scout News

Post 77 went to Frederic to shoot against the Frederic Rifle team and took another grubbing.

This is the last trip to Frederic until Frederic agrees to accept a challenge to a ski meet, tug of war, or some other sport event at Grayling. So far they have just refused to meet us at any event in Grayling. The Frederic boys are good on the rifle range and should be, with an indoor range available to them and shooting many times a month. Now we don't mind being trounced in any sports event but think it would be nice if they would return the visit and take Post 77 in a ski event in January or, as soon as snow is so such an event can be held.

Post 77 Christmas party is planned for December 20. Jack Macon has invited us down on the South Branch and to use the Bont House for our party. We certainly wish to thank Jack for the invitation and assure him the invitation will be accepted.

Bill Weaver

Secty, Post 77

— Brownie Meeting

Brownie meeting was called to order Dec. 11th by our president with the singing of "Christmas Carols". "The Shoe Cobbler" was then told by the Scout Leader.

Roll call was answered by "good deeds" for this week. Lord's Prayer was then recited by all. We John Hartley says she might be

one rabbit track, that would be big and little tracks.

I have heard no news from the west side of the lake. So I will leave you with this reminder, Jan. the 12th and 13th will be the next big event out here. So keep those dates open and watch this column.

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Legion Auxiliary News

The American Legion Auxiliary held its regular business meeting at Legion Hall, Tuesday, Dec. 11. 11 members and one guest were present. One new member was admitted into the Auxiliary. Alice Pratt turned in her resignation as first vice-president as she has moved away. Jerry Muth was elected to fill her place.

Bingo and pinocchio were played and prizes were won by high and low pinocchio. Marie Quinn had the most buns. Thelma McWhorter was the winner of the mystery gift.

Members exchanged Christmas gifts and then a nice lunch was served by the following group: Jean Thompson, chairman; Nellie Thompson, Mrs. Roy Wolcott, Mrs. John Schofield and Mrs. Al Stephan.

Crawford County Avalanche

Thursday, December 20, 1956

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ALBERT WALTONEN SUCCUMBS

Albert Waltonen, 74 years old, passed away at the Hanna Nursing Home in Williamsburg, Mich., on Sunday, December 16, following a long illness. He was taken to the home on October 23.

Mr. Waltonen was born August 1, 1882, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Waltonen in Williamsburg, and came to Crawford County in 1905, and worked in the lumber camps for many years. He was employed at the Karry and Hansen Mill from 1928 to 1948. He was married in 1928 to Ethel Mae Lusk, who preceded him in death in 1938. His wife survived him in death in 1938. He is survived by two sons, Artie of Bedford, Ohio, and Leo of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, and a grandchild.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 18, at the Sorenson Funeral Home, 10 a.m.

In the afternoon, The Rev. Harold Knudsen officiated. Mrs. Edith Taylor provided music. Acting as pallbearers were A. L. Roberts, Emil Gledding, Jonas Wirtanen, Roy Wolcott, Matt Bidvia and Peter Seera. Interment was at Elmwood mausoleum.

Mr. Waltonen was born October 8, 1878, in Germany. He had lived in Grayling for the past thirty years, making his home at the Freida Lenartz landing on the main stream of the river. There were no known survivors.

A rosary was held Sunday evening at 6 o'clock at the Sorenson Funeral Home.

MRS. MYRTIE STRAIN SUCCUMBS IN FLINT

Mrs. Myrtie Wilson Strain succumbed December 10th in Flint, following a heart attack. She had been suffering from a heart condition for about four years. Mrs. Strain, who was 54 years old, was born July 16, 1902, in Grayling. She lived across from the school house. The family moved to Flint about 1910, where Myrtie was married to Gabriel Strain on October 4, 1918. To this union was born one son, Thomas.

Mrs. Strain is survived by her husband, one son, two granddaughters, one grandson two weeks old. Mrs. Strain was the niece of Mrs. Hugh Oaks, formerly of Grayling, now of Clio.

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Corliss Stampfli at Dick's Sport Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Matt Bidvia, Dr.

and Mrs. B. E. Henly and Mr.

and Mrs. Harry Hoertl were the hosts

at a surprise birthday dinner

Sunday night for the Rev. and

Mrs. James Richardson of West

Branch, visited the former's sister,

Mrs. Nyland Houghton and

the Floyd Coles Tuesday of last

week. Paul Richardson of the College of Mining and Technology at the Soo stopped in Saturday enroute home to West Branch for the holidays. Miss Pat Madson was an overnight guest at the Houghton's Monday.

Mrs. James Richardson and Mr.

and Mrs. Pepper, Sr., of West

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Miss Lois Bradley attended the

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Bricker was guest speaker.

Miss Kay Ellen Pettengill is now employed as a comptometer operator with the Oldsmobile company in Lansing. She began work at her new job on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Klein of Mt. Pleasant spent the weekend with their parents, the Walter Mikelsells and the Robert Kleins.

Guests of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Cox Friday night were Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harter of Newberry, who were enroute home from Saginaw where Mrs. Harter had undergone surgery at St. Luke's Hospital. Mr. Harter is Mrs. Cox' nephew.

The Ted Thompsons were in Lansing the first week in December, while Mrs. Thompson's mother, Mrs. Blanchard Nelson, underwent surgery there. There were

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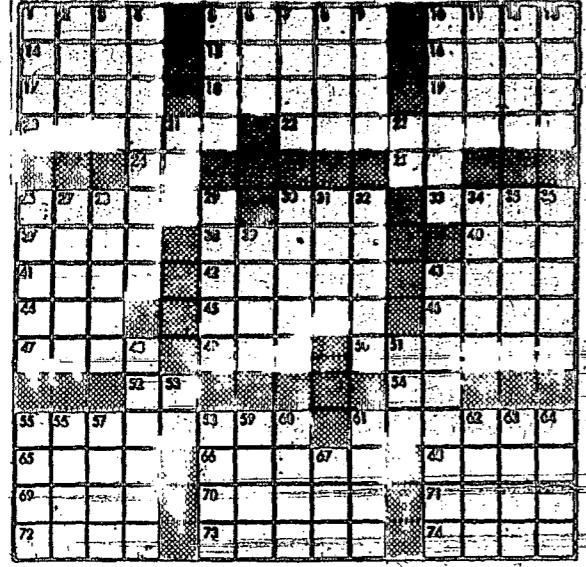
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ACROSS

- Kind of fish
- Word of seven letters
- Italian coat
- Symbol for
- Foot
- Ball shot (pl.)
- Bribe
- Never opening
- To warm
- Instrument
- To anger
- Wrath
- Want
- Enzyme
- To frighten
- River of the Sun
- Narrator
- Moving forward
- Day
- Cool lava
- Correlative or either

PUZZLE No. 483

- Large dishes over fence
- Overhanging
- The same
- before
- Dreadful
- Level
- Entire slope
- little by little
- Saucy
- Elongated
- fish (pl.)
- Mend by stitching
- Archaeologist of Athens
- Throw
- Rate
- Read
- Metrically
- woman
- Piano
- Indians
- To wonder
- Regions
- Alas
- seaport
- Surprised
- Perched
- grate
- Pronoun
- To swindle

Answer to Puzzles No. 484

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LEGAL NOTICES

STATE OF MICHIGAN

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford
At a session of said Court, held at the Probate office, in the City of Grayling in said County, on the 10th day of December A.D. 1956. Present: Honorable Beulah Neafie, Judge of Probate.

In the Matter of the Estate of Gordon A. Butman, Deceased.

Adelaide Butman having filed in said Court her petition praying that the administration of said estate be granted to Howard Brighton of Roscommon, Michigan or to some other suitable person. It is Ordered, That the 31st day of December A.D. 1956 at 10 o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate office, be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

It is Further Ordered, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this order once each week for three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Crawford County Avalanche newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Beulah Neafie, Judge of Probate.

A true copy:

Beulah Neafie,
Judge of Probate
Charles E. Moore
Attorney
Grayling, Mich.

13-20-27

Road Commissioners Minutes

November 23, 1956

A regular meeting of the Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners was held in their office in Grayling. Meeting called to order by Comm. Richmond, Chairman. Members present: Comm. Richmond, Comm. Johnson, Comm. Corsaut and Eng'r Supt. Hull. Absent, none.

Voucher No. 2743A covering Payroll No. 24 and Vouchers No. 2744 to No. 2757 covering materials presented to the Board for its approval. Motion by Comm. Johnson supported by Comm. Corsaut that Vouchers No. 2743A to 2757 be allowed and Warrants ordered drawn for the respective amounts. Motion carried by the following Yeas vote: Comm. Richmond, Comm. Johnson, Comm. Corsaut, Nays, none.

Payroll No. 24 \$5,377.99
City of Grayling 56.77
Doubleday-Hunt-Dolan 20.30
Robert James Co. 69.60
Jensen Bridge & Sup. Co. 45.92
Stanley Lazarowicz 6.96
Leonard Refineries, Inc. 1,107.03
Saginaw Weld. Sup. Co. 280.35
Lyon Metal Prod. Inc. 1,820.18
Standard Oil Co. 55.73
Jack Baumann 12.15
Union Tele. Co. 37.30
Welsh Mfg. Sales 24.43
Wolverine Tract. & Equip. 393.49
UHarley Russell (petty cash) 131.44

Minutes of last regular and intervening special meetings read and approved as read.

Motion by Comm. Corsaut supported by Johnson that Eng'r Supt. Hull be authorized to purchase new furniture for the office. The motion carried by the following Yeas vote: Comm. Richmond, Comm. Johnson, Comm. Corsaut, Nays, none.

The Commissioners accompanied by Eng'r Supt. Hull made a trip of inspection over Beaver Creek, South Branch and Grayling Township roads.

After returning to their office a motion was made and supported to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned.

M. M. RICHMOND-Chairman
UHARLEY RUSSELL - Clerk

November 29, 1956

A special meeting held to attend the Northern Michigan Road Commission Clerks' meeting held at the Shopenagans Inn in Grayling. Members present: Comm. Richmond, Comm. Corsaut, Eng'r Supt. Hull. Absent, Johnson.

Motion by Comm. Corsaut supported by Comm. Johnson the bids received for Sander to be opened. The motion carried by the following Yeas vote: Comm. Richmond, Comm. Corsaut, Nays, none.

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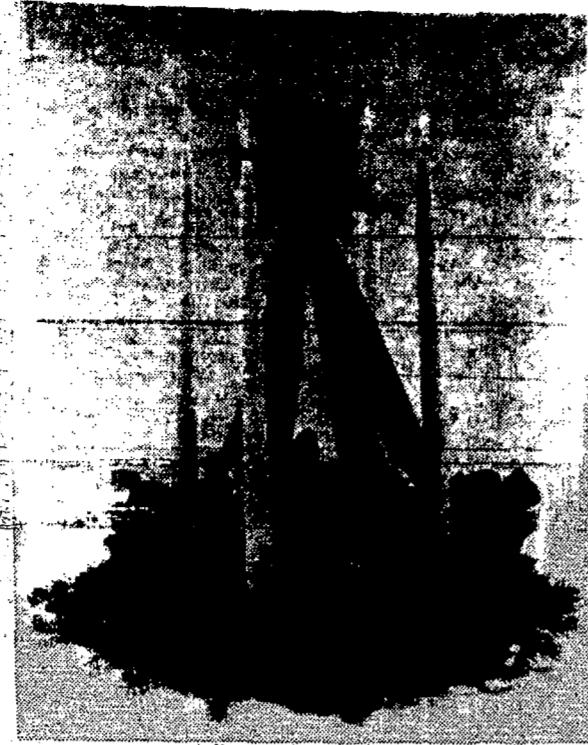
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A MOVE TO EASE MICHIGAN'S DOCTOR SHORTAGE is in the mill at Wayne State University. The Board of Governors is proposing an increase in medical student admission from 75 to 125 a year.

The plan, already approved by the Board, hinges on state allocation of additional operating funds for Wayne's medical college.

The most economical way to turn out 50 more doctors a year, while other plans call for the establishment of costly new facilities, the Wayne proposal requires only the money necessary for instructors, according to Dean Gordon H. Scott.

Both medical and non-medical groups are supporting the plan. The Michigan State Medical Society has endorsed the proposed increase.

Among the first of the non-medical groups in the state to urge the increased assistance to Wayne State is the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Clark L. Brody, the Bureau's executive vice president, recently announced that its membership adopted a resolution in support of the plan.

ANOTHER TRY TO PUT Michigan on daylight saving time may be made at the next meeting of the State Legislature.

Strangely enough, the current proposal, said to have originated with a group of Detroit golfers who want an extra hour of daylight leisure in the evening. Retailers there are now adding their support.

Biggest objectors: Mothers who must round up the kids for bed while it's still daylight and farmers who appreciate the sun in the morning rather than at night.

ARE MICHIGAN RESIDENTS finally recognizing the danger? Safety experts are scratching their heads and crossing their fingers as they point out that traffic deaths in the state have turned downward for the first time in several years.

For the first 16 months of 1956, the road-death total is 1,426, a saving of 188 lives over the same period for 1955. Provisional figures for November indicate an estimated 50 less deaths for that month compared to a year ago.

The trend is nationwide. Deaths for 1956 traffic accidents are lower in almost every state, ruling out possible local factors. Safety officials hope their long campaign is bearing fruit.

More enforcement of moving traffic violations may be one of the factors promoting better driving. In Michigan the speed limit, increased size of the State Police and a stepped-up enforcement policy are reflected in the year's traffic arrests.

For the first 10 months of 1956 State Police made 185,298 arrests for traffic violations—an increase of 47 per cent.

More than 200 lives saved—almost 2,000 lives lost. That's the way the state's traffic record is shaping up for the year. The improvement is good, but much remains to be done.

For 1957, the Michigan Citizens' Traffic Safety Committee is urging every motorist in Michigan to sign a safe-driving pledge.

Windshield emblems—pledging motorists to drive with care will be distributed by gasoline dealers who are members of the Michigan Retail Gasoline Dealers Association. Some 5,000 trucks belonging to members of the Michigan Trucking Association are joining actively in the campaign and will display signs reading, "Take the Pledge Drive With Care."

The Committee warns that the winter months bring dangerous driving conditions and is asking drivers to be extra careful.

For more information contact the Michigan Department of State, Frankfort, Mich., or the Michigan State Highway Department, Lansing.

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Vikings

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 They put on a great third period to be behind 22 to 21 at the time, they put on a great third period to be behind 22 to 21 at the end of that quarter but faded out in the final period of play. Oscar Horning with 17 and Newt Allison with 18 led the Grayling reserves with Russ Mudge adding 9 and Jim Kesseler 2. J. Patrick with 14 was high for the little Ironmen.
 Gaylord took a 16 to 12 first quarter advantage but the little Vikings battled back to a 27 to 26 halftime lead. The little Blue Devils struck for 14 points in each of the last two quarters while the Viking reserves could manage only 12 and 10 points respectively. Horning with Allison adding 13, Mudge 12, Gary Springs and Leon D'Amour 2 each. John Burris with 23 topped the little Blue Devils scoring. The foul line proved the undoing of the little Vikings. Against Mancelona, they made good on 11 out of 34 free throws and against Gaylord cashed in on only 7 out of 30 attempts. Mancy made 13 out of 19 and Gaylord collected on 12 out of 23.

N. C. C. C. Standings

Team	W	L
Grayling	4	0
Charlevoix	1	0
Harbor Springs	3	2
Boyne City	2	2
East Jordan	2	2
Mancelona	1	3
Gaylord	0	4
Pellston	0	4

Bits O' Talk

Mrs. R. I. Simpson en route from Flushing to her home in Gladstone stopped overnight Wednesday last with her cousins, the Stan Flowers.

Friends of Mrs. Clara Strope may wish to know her address is changed effective Dec. 21, to 1050 Hubbard Ave., Apt. 4, Detroit.

Ted Wheeler flew in to Traverse City airport last Thursday to stay here until January 2. He is on a mission for the Wells Organization, Michigan.

Pfc. Larry Pond, RA16521920, Hfd. Co. 8621 APO 500, San Francisco, Calif. is Larry's address for any of his friends wishing to write him.

Mr. Floyd Taylor returned Sunday night from a visit to her husband at Veterans' Hospital Saginaw. The Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Puffer drove her down Tuesday last, and her daughter, Mrs. Howard R. Madsen brought her home.

Ancient Egyptians, whose embalming secrets have long been lost, are thought to have used honey as a principal ingredient in their embalming fluid.

Alaska has more than 7,000,000 acres of national parks, including Mount McKinley National Park with the highest peak on the North American continent. Other large parks are Tongass National Forest and Katmai National Monument, site of the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes, one of the world's largest groups of active volcanoes.

Upon its completion in 1957, the Mackinac Straits Bridge connecting Michigan's Upper and Lower Peninsulas will be the longest suspension span anywhere in the world.

Tuberculosis is still the giant among infections-disease killers in this country, killing more people than all other infectious diseases combined.

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McIntyre

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land Casino in New Rochelle, New York, which is known as "The Cradle of Name Bands". From Men Island has come Glen Gray, the Dorsey Brothers, Glenn Miller, Claude Thornhill, Charlie Spivak and others.

From there it was a short step to the Commodore Hotel in New York, and a recording contract with RCA Victor. The records clicked and Hollywood beckoned. McIntyre went on to make four feature-length musicals at Columbia studios.

While in Hollywood he performed at the world famous Palladium. It was number two in the string of engagements that all bands point for. In a few months he had completed number three, the Sherman Hotel in Chicago.

The following month saw number four go by, the boards where McIntyre's band successfully appeared at Frank Dailey's Meadowbrook. Has completed the string at the Paramount Theatre on Broadway.

Other things came their way. The band starred on a network commercial for Eversharp. After a few years Mac switched his recording label to Cosmo and it didn't take long for him to become their top artist. When the MGM recording company was formed Mac was one of the first name bands they approached. Mac signed a long term contract.

One honor he will always cherish was his selection to play at the President's Birthday Ball, at which the late F. D. R. and Mrs. Roosevelt appeared. Another thrill was the reception he got from G.I.'s as he toured through Europe during the war.

Grayling Bowling League

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Dec. 11, 1956

1 Millikin Const. Co. 45

2 Drewrys 35

3 Jim's Canoe Livery 34½

4 Uncle Al 34

5 Spike's Keg 34

6 National Boh 29½

7 Peterson Hdwe & Lbr 29

8 Smigges Diggins 28

9 Baringer's 25

10 Bear Archery 25

11 Wharff's Dinner Bell 24

12 Vite Boy 23

13 Johnson Oil Co. 23

14 Weish Motor Sales 21

15 St. Mary's 19

16 Hull's Motel 18

Team high series: Millikin Const. 2622, Baringers 2608, Uncle Al 2451.

Team high single: Millikin 930.

Barrings 918, Millikin 881.

Team high series: Roper 578.

Lucksted 559, Williams 550.

High single: Hoerl, Luck

sted 211-201, Williams 200.

High five averages: Billby 175,

Dietrich 175, Kelly 171, Roper 170.

Lucksted 168.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Dec. 13, 1956

1 Nelson OH Co. 41

2 Cadillac Overall 32

3 Wharff's Dinner Bell 32

4 Stevenson-Brown 30

5 Carling's Black Label 29½

6 Blatz 29

7 B-C-D 29

8 Goebel's "22" 28

9 Pfeifers 27½

10 Don's Radio Shop 27

11 Wayside Inn 26

12 Jansen's Plumbing 26

13 Strohs 24½

14 Hendershots 23½

15 Bear Archery 22

16 Black & White 20½

Team high series: Don's Radio 2453, Stevenson-Brown 2413, Cadillac Overall 2411.

Team high single: Don's Radio 868, Hendershots 861, Wharf's

Dinner Bell 828.

Ind high series: Woods 570, Bud

Smith 551, Kermit LaMotte 521.

Ind high single: Woods 218, Bud

Smith 217.

Team high series: Don's Radio

2453, Stevenson-Brown 2413, Cad-

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